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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several leading telecom service providers in the country and five service providers of Pakistan have been found contravening the no service zone rules along the sensitive Indo-Pak border in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether signals of many mobile companies were available in the prohibited area along the international border; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d) Some instances of spill over of signals in "No Service Zone/Buffer Zone" within Indian Territory in Jammu and Kashmir and other areas along the international border have come to notice of the Department. The matter was investigated through Vigilance Technical Monitoring (VTM) Cells of Department of Telecommunications. Based on their observations, action has been initiated for levy of penalty on the concerned service providers in India as per the terms and conditions of the License Agreement.

Ministry of External Affairs is handling the issue of presence of signals of mobile operators of Pakistan within the Indian Territory at diplomatic level with the Government of Pakistan.